

greenhouse and other local landmarks, stimulated him to collect and catalogue evidence of storms and tempests which had ravaged the Doncaster district as far back as the early 1600s. This resulted in his fascinating paper, 'Bad weather from old records' (*The Doncaster Naturalist* (1984) 1(4): 78-79). His administrative role with the YNU made Don all too aware of the numerous environmental, conservation and government organisations only ever referred to by their initial letters, ITE, NERC, FWAG, RSNC, CoCo etc. Thus he wrote an amusing but highly instructive explanatory article, 'Abbreviations for Amateurs', unravelling these baffling acronyms for the enlightenment of the bemused naturalist (*The Doncaster Naturalist* (1985) 1(6): 133-136). His geological expertise contributed to various Doncaster Naturalists' Society site surveys, writing the geological background to the Society's publication *A Survey of Wadworth Wood, Doncaster* (1993).

Don has been a major, if often unsung, influence in Yorkshire natural history. A quietly spoken, genial, good-humoured and very likeable man, Don had a wonderful sense of irony and a wry and impish wit which could be put to very good effect in serious meetings or in the pub afterwards. He is greatly missed by all who had the pleasure and honour of knowing him.

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CORRECTION

Regretably, several errors appeared in Geoffrey Fryer's paper in the last issue of *The Naturalist* (123: 117-118) between galley and page-proof stages for which the editor apologises.

The correct title should have read 'On J. W. Dunning's authorship of some early observations on Yorkshire Lepidoptera'; in addition, several typographical errors were introduced (e.g. for Beaumont read Beaumont, line 1) and a line was omitted: thus the first sentence of the second paragraph should read: It is now established that Dunning became a pupil at Peter Inchbald's school at Storthes Hall, near Huddersfield, in 1846, and it was from the Storthes Hall area that several of the records emanated at the appropriate time.

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